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INTERNATIONAL LEAD AND ZINC STUDY GROUP
(ILZSG) AND INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP
(IRSG)

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER, DATED JUNE 22, 1977, FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ILZSG, KEITH BUCK, TO MR. JOHNSON, UK DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY (DOI), CONCERNING AN INCIDENT WITH UK IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. THE LETTER IS BEING FORWARDED TO EB/ISM.

2. IN HIS LETTER, BUCK POINTS OUT THAT UPON RETIRING FROM CANADIAN PUBLIC SERVICE ON MARCH 31ST TO BECOME SECGEN, HE EXCHANGED HIS CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS FOR ORDINARY PASSPORTS. ON JUNE 21, BUCK, USING HIS NEW PASSPORT, TRAVELLED TO PARIS ON ILZSG BUSINESS. ON HIS RETURN THAT SAME DAY, HE REPORTS THAT HE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN RE-ENTERING THE UK. AFTER INTERROGATION, HE WAS ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER THE COUNTRY BUT FOR ONLY A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS. HIS PASSPORT WAS STAMPED ACCORDINGLY AND HE WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF A FORM WARNING HIM THAT HE COULD BECOME SUBJECT, ON COURT CONVICTION, TO A FINE OF 200 POUNDS, IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO SIX MONTHS AND DEPORTATION SHOULD HE KNOWINGLY REMAIN IN THE UK BEYOND AUGUST 21. IN BRINGING THIS INCIDENT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DOI, BUCK NOTES "AS I

OBVIOUSLY INTEND TO 'KNOWINGLY REMAIN IN THE UK BEYOND
AUGUST 21' I FACE AN INTERESTING SITUATION."

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE ILZSG IS IN THE PROCESS
OF NEGOTIATING A HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH HMG FOR
"PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES". A SIMILAR AGREEMENT IS
BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN HMG AND THE IRSG. BUCK, WITH
THE SUPPORT OF THE US AND SOME OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES,
HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT
SUGGESTED BY HMG SINCE THIS DRAFT, IN HIS VIEW, DOES
NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE COVERAGE (THE DRAFT PROVIDES CON-
SIDERABLY LESS PROTECTION THAN OTHER LONDON-BASED
COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RECEIVED.). THE IRSG
NEGOTIATION, AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE US DELEGATION,
IS IN SUSPENSE UNTIL THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE ILZSG
HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED.

4. THERE IS OF COURSE NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE STALLED NEGOTIATIONS AND BUCK'S UNFORTUNATE EN-
COUNTER WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. NEVERTHELESS,
THIS INCIDENT SHOULD SERVE TO POINT UP THE IMPORTANCE
OF HAVING A CLEARLY DRAFTED, UNEQUIVOCAL HEADQUARTERS
AGREEMENT, BOTH FOR THE ILZSG AND THE IRSG. IN AN
INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST DRAFT BETWEEN BUCK,
THE US LONDON REP, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRG EMBASSY,
AND DOI AND FCO OFFICIALS, THE LATTER MAINTAINED THAT
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THE PRIVILEGES ACCORDED WERE CLEARLY AMPLE WHILE THE
IMMUNITIES HELD BACK WERE INCONSEQUENTIAL. OBVIOUSLY,
IN THE ABSENCE OF A GOOD AGREEMENT, THE CHANCES THAT
SECRETARIATS WILL BE HINDERED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF
BUSINESS INCREASES, AS INDEED HAS JUST HAPPENED
IN BUCK'S CASE.

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